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Mukilteo Terminal Temporary Closure Outreach

This is the second week in a row that WSF outreach teams have been on the Mukilteo/Clinton route speaking with customers and handing out information regarding the temporary closure of the Mukilteo terminal planned for three extended weekends: March 18-20; March 25-27; and April 1-3. For more information on the temporary closure, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/preservation.

Construction of New Port Townsend and Coupeville Tollbooths

We are replacing and reconfiguring the oldest tollbooths at the Port Townsend and Coupeville terminals in a new side by side layout. This will give us a chance to increase operating flexibility during busy travel times and will also help accommodate future changes to the vehicle reservations system. The work began this week and will take up to three months to complete. Although terminal operations may be constrained during construction, we do not anticipate any service delays.

Meetings with Bargaining Units

On Wednesday, the state met with several of WSF's bargaining units to continue to negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement. We have additional meetings scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1.

Reminder: Chilly Hilly this Sunday

We ask that customers of the Bainbridge Island/Seattle route plan ahead for this Sunday, Feb. 27. The annual Chilly Hilly Bicycle Ride will be taking place on Bainbridge Island, which means many bicyclists will be riding the ferries. Last year the event hosted over 6,000 bicyclists from around the Northwest.

Next Week:

· Meetings with bargaining units continue

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